

**October 23 | Sunday**

**Save All You Can**

Read [Proverbs 13:11](#)



**24 | Mon – Grapes of ...** | Read [Proverbs 31:16](#)

Although this verse is describing a wife of noble character, it could be anyone doing what she did. She saved money, bought a field, and planted a vineyard. It usually takes a few years of hard work and commitment before a vineyard starts producing. How is this like handling money? What is the most difficult thing for you when trying to save money? Does having a goal to work toward help you?

**25 | Tue – An Owner or a Manager?** | Read [Matthew 25:14-30](#)

According to Matthew, Jesus told this familiar story just days before he was arrested so it must have been significant. This story is not just about money; it is about faithfulness, reminding us that we do not own our money (or abilities or opportunities), instead we are stewards or managers. Didn't he say if we are faithful with a few things, he would put us in charge of many? How does this truth affect the way you plan and spend?

**26 | Wed – Quick Money** | Read [Proverbs 13:11](#)

There is a saying, "Easy come, easy go" which can refer to quick money. Quick money is usually unexpected or sometimes comes from dishonesty. Gambling is an example of quick money. You have heard the stories of people getting rich overnight and two years later are bankrupt. Contrast this with the second part of the verse. A wiser way is to earn money and save a percentage. Little by little it grows. What is one advantage of handling money this way? What qualities grow in us when we use self-discipline regarding money?

**27 | Thu – Reserves** | Read [Proverbs 10:5](#); [Genesis 41:46-49](#) and [53-57](#)

In Genesis, you will find one of the greatest stories about saving. Because of Joseph's wise plan, countless lives were saved during the famine. Isn't this one of the reasons we save money? For times when the needs are greater than the income? Is it difficult for you to put something in reserve when the perfect (but unneeded) shoes are on sale or the vacation condo is such a deal? Ask God to help you to consider the future like Joseph did.

**28 | Fri – Bigger Barns** | Read [Luke 12:13-21](#)

Is it possible to save too much? This story was about a man who was an excellent saver. In fact, he gained so much he had to restructure his storage spaces. His goal? Save all he could so he could retire early and live for many years, spending it on himself. There are two words that apply here - greed and hoarding. Money is a tool, a gift to be used wisely for our own needs and to bless others. Are you a saver or a hoarder?

**29 | Sat – Your Money or Your Life?** | Read [Matthew 1:21](#)

This week has been about saving money, which is a good thing, but we end with a slightly different focus. Money is temporary but a person is forever. God created human beings with free choice and the result was our separation from Him. Something is broken in each of us that only He can fix. The prophecy foretelling Jesus' coming proclaimed that He would save His people from their sin. We all need to be saved from something. Right now would be the perfect time to admit your need and ask Jesus to save you. Will you?